## **CURATION NOTES**

The curation of artifacts will be organized by major analysis units as follows:

Area I units	Kathy M.	min vess cer	6000-7999
Area I well	Well crew	min vess cer table & pharm	0-1999
Area II	catalog		
Area IV	catalog		
Area V	Ramona	min vess cer	4000-4999
Area VIa units	Aggy	min vess cer	5000-5999
Area VIa cellar	Welles crew	min vess cer table & pharm	2000-3999
Area VIb well	Welles crew	min vess cer	11 11
Area VIb units	catalog		
Area VIc	catalog		
Area VId	catalog		

Check with Kathy M. about glass minimum vessels. Have someone check Area V and Area VIa for glass minimum vessel information (bottles only or table glass too).

The artifacts cataloged in Atlanta were sorted into artifact groups which would facilitate later analysis. Most artifacts were grouped under Misc. since they were not to be further analysed. The artifact groups did not correspond to South's groups or even raw material classes in all cases. These artifact classes were:

**Complete Bottles** 

Bottle Rims, Bases, and Embossed sherds (Sumner Welles especially)

Table Glass and other non-bottle glass, except window glass

Ceramics

Tobacco pipe parts

Faunal

Floral

Clothing

Prehistoric

Metal (except tin can flakes, unident metal and nail)

DOES include all brass, copper, silver, identifiable iron, no matter which South group

Miscellaneous (everything not included in the above groups)

Check to see if the material was further subdivided after detailed analysis (for example, the personal items in the well).

BOXES -

COMPLETE BOTTLES

BOTTLE RIMS, BASES & EMBOSSED BODIES

TABLE GLASS / OTHER GLASS - EXCEPT WINDOW

CERAMICS

TOBACCO STUFF

PERSONAL ITEMS - EXCEPT METAL

METAL (EXCEPT TIN CAN FLAKES, UNIDENT+ NAILS)

(ALL BRASS, COPPER SILVER, IDENTIFIABLE

IRON, NO MATTER WHICH GROUP)

FAUNAL

FLORAL

CLOTHING

PREHISTORIC

MISC. EVERYTHING NOT INCLUDED ABOVE.

(TIN CAN FLAKES, PLAINGLASS

SHERDS, COAL, CHARCOAL, O'STER SHELL, ETC.)

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Dear Jim:

In response to your 10 January letter requesting instructions for packaging and shipping the Oxon Hill artifacts, we have the following suggestions.

Styrofoam pellets can be used to fill spaces within the standard boxes and as packing around the standard boxes within the shipping boxes. The latter should not exceed 30 inches in one dimension or weigh more than about 75 pounds each. Bottles, reconstructed vessels, and other fragile items will need to be individually wrapped and packaged. Such cartons should be labeled "fragile".

Both the standard boxes and the shipping boxes will need to be labeled with permanent felt-tip markers in the upper right corner of one side panel showing the site number and inclusive lot or vessel numbers included, e.g., 18PR175 or 18PR175. If the standard box lid covers all of the box lots 98-102 vessels 8-11 bottom panel, both the bottom and lid should be marked.

The acid free labels in the minimum vessel bags need only have the site number and vessel number (lots/proveniences not needed as that information should be on the individual sherds as well as in the report and/or catalog).

Shipment by motor freight is fine, but we ask that you specify that the motorman unload and deliver the boxes to the designated inside storage area.

Can you estimate the number of cubic feet occupied by the collection as packed for shipment?

As you may know, we are anticipating a move here in Baltimore early in the summer. We are still uncertain exactly when the move will be or which Baltimore facility we will use for permanent storage of the Oxon Hill material. We would like to have you hold the shipment until these details are resolved. Would this be feasible?

Sincerely,

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